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KRAEMER et al.

Serial No. 09/897,922

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For: **USE OF LIPOIC ACID FOR IMPROVING THE BIOAVAILABILITY OF MINERAL SALTS**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

In response to the Examiner's telephone call of October 19, 2004, applicants request entry of the following amendment.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 3, line 4, insert:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is an IR(KBr) plot of absorbance units as a function of wavelength,
based on the results of Example 2 herein.

Figure 2 is an IR(KBr) plot of absorbance units as a function of wavelength,
based on the results of Example 1 herein.

Figures 3a and 3b depict the ^1H -NMR and ^{13}C -NMR, respectively, for the product
of Example 1 herein.